

State of North Carolina Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources Winston-Salem Regional Office

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT GROUNDWATER SECTION

NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE OIL POLLUTION AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT

April 14, 1993

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Charlotte Catholic Diocese P.O. Box 36776 Charlotte, NC 28236

Subject: St. Pius X Church Sisters Home, 2206 N. Elm St.,

Greensboro, Guilford County, NC

Dear Sirs:

Chapter 143, North Carolina General Statutes, authorizes and directs the Environmental Management Commission of the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources to protect and preserve the water and air resources of the State. The Division of Environmental Management has the delegated authority to enforce adopted pollution control rules and regulations.

On March 19, 1993 this office confirmed a leak from an Underground Storage Tank containing heating oil at the subject location.

Such a discharge is in violation of G.S. 143-215.75 et. seq. Oil Pollution and Hazardous Substances Control Act of 1978. Please reference the following excerpts from the Act:

143-215.83. Discharges. -- (a) Unlawful Discharges. -- It shall be unlawful, except as otherwise provided in this Part, for any person to discharge, or cause to be discharged, oil or other hazardous substances into or

upon any waters, tidal flats, beaches, or lands within this state, or into any sewer, surface water drain or other waters that drain into the waters of this State, regardless of the fault of the person having control over the oil or other hazardous substances, or regardless of whether the discharge was the result of intentional or negligent conduct, accident or other cause.

143-215.84. Removal of prohibited discharges. -- (a) Person Discharging. -- Any person having control over all oil or other hazardous substances discharged in violation of this Article shall immediately undertake to collect and remove the discharge and to restore the area affected by the discharge as nearly as may be to the condition existing prior to the discharge.

It is our understanding that you and/or your firm are responsible for violation of the Oil Pollution and Hazardous Substances Control Act. Therefore, you are required to immediately undertake clean-up of contamination and restoration of the affected area. Toward this end you must submit a site assessment report which describes the full vertical and horizontal extent of the contamination. An adequate report must be received by this office on or before June 14, 1993. If the investigation indicates that a corrective action plan (remedial action plan) is required, it should be submitted to this office within sixty (60) days after submitting a site assessment report.

It is requested that within fifteen (15) days, you submit a written response describing your plans to achieve compliance with the Act. Should you dispute our assessment of responsibility, please include documentation of your position in your response.

Failure to submit the report required or failure to promptly undertake clean-up and restoration of the affected area may result in the recommendation of enforcement action including:
(1) the issuance of a special order against you under the authority of G.S. 143-215.2, (2) a request to the Attorney General to institute an action for injunctive relief, and (3) a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 in accordance with G. S. 143-215.91.

Please do not hesitate to contact Kelly C. Gage at (919) 373-7565 regarding any questions you may have about this matter.

Sincerely,

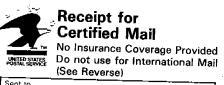
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